NCAA RULES EDUCATION
Unofficial Visits
October 29, 2012
• A visit made at the prospective student-athlete’s own expense.

• No third party should be involved in the arrangement or payment of visit.
A prospective student-athlete may:

- Visit a member institution’s campus at his or her own expense an unlimited number of times
- Make unofficial visits before his or her senior year in high school

**Exceptions:**

- Women’s Basketball may not have unofficial visits during the July evaluation period
- Men’s Basketball may not have unofficial visits during July, unless an NLI has been signed or an admissions deposit has been received
General Restrictions:

• The institution may not pay any expense or provide any entertainment except a maximum of **3 complimentary admissions**

• Only for the prospective student-athlete and those accompanying them

• Only in the general seating area – seating of the prospective student-athlete or those accompanying them in a press box, special seating box or bench area is prohibited

Exceptions:

• If the prospective student-athlete is from a non-traditional family (e.g. divorce, separation), the institution may provide up to two additional complimentary admissions to the home athletics event
Meals:

• A prospective student-athlete on an unofficial visit may pay the actual cost of meals (or regular cost of training-table meals) and eat with other prospective student-athletes who are on official visits or with enrolled student-athletes

• **Meals must take place on campus**
• All unofficial visit meals (including catered and tailgate meals) must be provided at **RETAIL** cost. Same price as the general public would receive.

• Generally with these meals, we take the total cost of the meal and divide it by how many people are participating in the meal.

• Beware of receiving a discounted cost from the meal provider.
Housing – Lodging in Dormitories:

- A prospective student-athlete must pay the regular institutional rate, in order to stay in an enrolled student-athlete’s dormitory.

Transportation:

Transportation may be provided to:

- View practice and competition sites in the prospective student-athlete’s sport
- Attend a home athletics contest at any local facility
Reserving Game Tickets:
- Additional tickets, beyond the allotted amount, may not be reserved for purchase by the prospective student-athlete or those accompanying them
- Additional tickets may only be purchased in the same manner as the general public

Parking:
- Special parking for athletics events may not be arranged for a prospective student-athlete on an unofficial visit
Academic Interviews:

• An athletics department staff member may arrange academic interviews for a prospective student-athlete on an unofficial visit.

Student Host:

• A student host used during an unofficial visit must either be a current student-athlete or a student who is designated in a manner consistent with the institution’s policies for providing campus visits or tours to prospective students in general.
An institution may not:

1. Arrange miscellaneous, personalized recruiting aids
   - Ex. Personalized jerseys, personalized audio/visual scoreboard presentations
   - Includes decorative items and special additions to any location to prospective student-athlete will visit (hotel room, locker room, coach’s office, conference room, arena), regardless of whether the items include the prospective student-athlete’s name or picture

2. Permit any prospective student-athletes to engage in any game-day simulations
   - Ex. Running onto the field with the team during pregame introductions
Providing an Unofficial Visit During Camp

• It is not permissible to provide a prospect or prospects with an unofficial visit from the time the camp begins to the time it concludes.

• It is permissible to provide an unofficial visit prior to or after the camp concludes provide there is a clear delineation between the unofficial visit and camp.
Any Questions?